

Miller Stands On His Work in Welfare Field

Governor Challenges Smith to Match His Concrete Achievements in Field of 'Human Government'

Fact, Not Fancy, His Aim

Curative and Preventive Work Forms Basis of Policy, He Says, in Jamestown

From a Staff Correspondent
JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Oct. 25.—Coming to grips with ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith on Mr. Miller's chosen ground of "human government," Governor Miller asserted to-night that he had done more for the working man and woman and for the mentally and physically disabled of the state than had his opponent, for that what he had done had been more intelligently planned and more helpfully executed than the accomplishments of his Democratic adversary.

"Mr. Smith has gone about the state riding upon the pink clouds of fancy. I have gone about the state with my feet solidly upon the ground of fact," declared the Governor.

"The clouds are beautiful, but the people do not live in them. They must live on the ground. He does a great deal of talking about 'human government.' I have been too busy giving one to talk much about it and to-night I am going to give you the concrete facts of accomplishment in this field, and I am going to travel on the ground, where we must all walk.

"In every campaign the people are required to choose between the man who utters attractive phrases and who appeals, often, to the special or selfish interests of various communities and groups and the man who offers them achievements. Let me predecessor match this list of solid accomplishments in the line in which he is talking about 'human government.'

Lists Policies He Opposes

Pausing for a moment, Governor Miller remarked that before enumerating the specific things done by his administration for the promotion of the welfare of the workers and social welfare generally, it might be well to state the precise things in which he did not believe.

"We do not believe in the state's attempting to fix either a minimum or maximum wage," he said.

"We do not believe in the state's paying a premium on idleness. We do not believe in state insurance, either against old age or unemployment, because it is the function of the state to encourage industry and thrift and not to make it necessary for its citizens to practice these qualities."

Then he told the audience of more than 1,000 who had gathered in the Washington Street armory that there are two theories of applying the work of government to the unfortunate of human society, those who are unfortunate through no fault of their own.

Two Theories of Welfare

One, the Governor said, is to put them away in institutions, give them kindly and comfortable care for as long as need be, and then forget about them. The other theory is to treat them with all kindness and consideration, and at the same time seek ways of relieving their special misfortunes and of restoring them to society, to the happiness of their families and friends and to the welfare of the state. Most important of all, he added, this theory seeks to find ways and means of checking the physical, mental and moral diseases which place them in the institutions.

Presently, he declared, "the first

theory was that adopted by the previous administration. My attitude is most definitely the latter, combining with good custodial care preventive and curative methods to make custodial care unnecessary. This treatment is favored because it saves human lives to society and does away with the necessity of building so many more hospitals, homes for the feeble-minded and jails. This work initially requires a greater outlay of money, but it will be returned manifold in the happiness secured to human beings, as well as in the ultimate saving of large annual expenditures by the state."

First among the specific things which his administration, acting on this theory, has done for the general social welfare of the state, Governor Miller said, is the appropriation of \$3,000,000 more for the support of the common schools.

Death Rate Lowered

"Next, preventive measures have been instituted to protect the public health, with a resultant death rate which is the lowest in the history of the state. "The training of blind and deaf children has been taken over by the state," he continued. "These unfortunate children now receive proper care without being stigmatized by having to be committed as county charges."

"The institution for the care and treatment of crippled children has been extended and the establishment of another such institution is contemplated. "The physical inspection of the children in the schools is to be supplemented by follow-up work which will seek to eliminate the physical handicaps discovered, under a plan to be worked out by the Department of Health and the Department of Education."

Additional provision, the Governor went on, has been made for the training of teachers especially to teach backward boys and girls.

"The field work under the commission for mental defectives has been extended," he said, "so as to divert the human stream that now flows either into the custodial or the penal institutions and fit those less favored with mental equipment to do useful work, instead of forming a group from which criminals are recruited and from which the inmates of the custodial institutions are obtained."

4,000 Visit Clinics

"Arrangements have been made for more intensive and curative work among those mentally or physically afflicted, to make custodial care unnecessary and to save human material, as has been evidenced by the increase of more than 4,000 visitors to the outpatient clinics last year."

"More intensive curative work in the hospitals, particularly by extending the work of occupational therapy, has been evidenced by an increase of 300 in the parole patients," continued the Governor.

"An increase of more than \$2,000,000 for additional nurses and attendants in the state hospitals and charitable institutions to give better personal care and attention to the inmates is another feature of the welfare work."

"Sound industrial methods have been inaugurated in the state's prisons to reclaim the human material there."

"The rule has been established that there is no limit to the obligation of the state to remove every remediable physical, mental or moral handicap of children."

"The division of maternity and child hygiene has been formed to lower the present high death rate in many parts of the state of infants of tender years and of mothers in childbirth."

Children's Courts Opened

"Children's courts have been established to deal with juvenile delinquencies, not as crimes to be punished, but as acts of childhood to be corrected."

"Finally," the Governor concluded, "the jurisdiction of child welfare boards has been extended on the approval of boards of supervisors to the care of dependent and neglected children."

The Governor then turned to a recital of the achievements of the last two years in behalf of labor.

"The labor laws have been revised so as to improve their enforcement,"

\$65,000 to \$50,000 on Miller to Beat Smith

C. B. de Chadenes & Co., 20 Broad Street, at the close of business yesterday were offering \$65,000 against \$50,000 on Governor Miller, and \$20,000 against \$24,000 on Governor Smith. The same firm had \$5,000 to place against \$6,000 that Governor Edwards of New Jersey will defeat Senator Frelinghuysen for United States Senator.

He said, "The workmen's compensation law has been improved to such an extent that representatives of the workers have declared it to be the most humane and progressive piece of legislation of its kind on the statute books in this country. It has been administered for the benefit of the workers, and not of the bureaucrats and insurance carriers, as it was in the previous administration. In the case of Helen Doyle, by Thomas J. Curtis."

"The laws for the protection of women and children in industry and for the safeguarding of the workers, have been more efficiently enforced."

Smith Tarred With Trust Brush, Charges Donovan

Democrat Has Little Ground to Talk of Corporations, Says Miller Lieutenant

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
SYRACUSE, Oct. 25.—Colonel William J. Donovan, defeated Governor Miller's former connection as counsel to several corporations at three meetings here to-night and charged former Governor Smith with being head of what is probably the largest trucking corporation in the United States. The people of this city, the home of Governor Miller, gave Colonel Donovan an ovation.

In his speeches to-night Colonel Donovan said:

"Mr. Smith has talked about the necessity of bringing government closer to the people. The government in its imposition of its taxes is already close to the people. A man or woman determines his state in government by the value he receives for his investment. In a business corporation a shareholder receives his dividend in money, but in the government the only way we get our dividend is in the service we receive from the government."

His Office Expenses Rise

Whether or not this literally true, the fact remains that there has been voted an increase of \$600 over 1921 in the item of supplies for the Mayor's office. In last year's budget, Mayor Hylan was allowed \$800 for supplies, and in the tentative budget for 1922 this was increased to \$1,400. Then the Mayor broke his first budget gavel and the item was increased to \$1,500. Indications are that he will need the extra allowance.

If taxes are increased as a result real estate owners can thank their own representative before the Board of Estimate for it. Stewart Browne, of the United Real Estate Owners' Association, was the direct cause of the Mayor's outburst yesterday. The session had started pleasantly enough, with the Mayor reading for the benefit of all present his daily attack on the Transit Commission, its chairman, George McAneny, the "traction ring" and the Rockefeller-Gary school politicians, and reaffirmed, as he has done each day since the attempted salary grab for his cabinet members was exposed, that the \$11,000,000 increase in the budget was due to mandatory legislation passed at Albany.

Mr. Browne refused to be awed and told the Mayor that the increase in the cost of running the city government was not \$11,000,000, as would appear from a comparison of the totals for 1922 and 1921, but \$3,000,000. He charged that deductions in the amount of state and other taxes accounted for this difference and that it was impossible actually to compare this budget

with last year's anyway, because of a re-arrangement of the tabulation which separated the comparable items.

Policeman to Keep Him Quiet

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Nothing daunted, Browne continued to point out for the Mayor's benefit where the city had been remiss. This mandatory legislation against which the Mayor so frequently proclaimed was passed at Albany under the very noses of the representatives of the Corporation Council's office, he declared.

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The Mayor's answer was his usual speech assailing the traction interests. Governor Miller and the "subsidized press" to which Browne replied that there was too much exaggeration by both sides. Up to this time the Mayor had held himself pretty well in check; the gavel had only waved uncertainly back and forth in emphasizing certain points. When Browne indicated that he believed the Mayor guilty of exaggerating the facts in his fight with the Transit Commission the storm broke.

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Hylan Smashes Another Gavel On City Budget

Angered by Realtor, Mayor Breaks Ivory Mallet at Hearing as Fifty High School Girls Look On

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Executive Is in Need of More Supplies; Welfare Payments Probe Ordered

Splintered ivory again littered the Board of Estimate chamber in City Hall yesterday at a public hearing on the proposed \$361,000,000 budget for 1923, with its millions in payroll increases for the members of the Hylan administration. The ivory splinters came from a gavel. The Mayor smashed another of his nice, shiny, white mallets in denouncing the "predatory interests."

This is the second gavel Mayor Hylan has ruined the last few weeks in his effort to keep the budget within bounds.

No one knows just how many gavels the Mayor has used up in his two years in office. With each succeeding year of Hylan rule the breaking of a gavel at a public hearing or a Board of Estimate meeting has become less and less an outstanding event, although in previous administrations such an occasion was little short of epochal. Those who follow such events at the City Hall say the Mayor prepares for one of these sessions much as Ebenezer Scrooge prepares to go to the plate—by swinging several gavels of various styles and weights, and his secretaries always have a reserve supply immediately available for just such an emergency as occurred yesterday.

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State Rule Must Be Human, Miller's View

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"Government, if it serves its purpose, serves human needs; and government, to be what the people desire, must be human government."

"It is the peculiar function of the state, by good business management of the state's affairs, to encourage industry so that people can get jobs at good wages."

"Social welfare is an easy subject to paint glowing pictures about, to appeal to your emotions with, but it takes practical work to promote it."

"The state cannot permit the disabled ex-service men to be neglected; if the Federal government fails to take care of them, the state will undertake to do it."

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charge that payments were being made which should not be made. Mayor Hylan assured him that he would have Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfeld investigate.

The first half-hour of the hearing was devoted by the Board of Estimate to learned dissertations and discussion of the part played by Vermont in the preparation of a report to which the civics students listened with rapt attention. This veiled reference to the liquor sold by Schieffelin & Co., wholesale druggists, was a continuation of Mayor Hylan's answer to the attack on the budget recently made by the Citizens Union, of which William Jay Schieffelin is president.

Mr. McAneny, chairman of the Transit Commission, had this to say last night on the Mayor's newest denunciation of the commission:

"I find it necessary to correct another of the Mayor's misrepresentations. In giving out this morning his version of the millions of increase to be carried in the city budget he attributed the advance in part to 'mandatory legislation' passed at Albany putting \$2,500,000 in the budget which the Board of Estimate had been 'forced to appropriate' for the expenses of the Transit Commission."

"The cost of the transit work has been carried in the city budget for years. In the budget for 1921, the Board of Estimate provided \$2,131,150 for the department of the Transit Commission. The Transit Commission inherited this department without change of function of any sort. It also inherited the regulatory work within the city of the former Public Service Commission for the 1st District, which cost, in 1921, \$450,000. During the present year, the commission is carrying the work of both the previous bodies, as well as all of the expenses of its general investigation of the affairs of the railroads, for \$2,400,000, a considerable decrease beneath the composite 1921 figures."

When the appropriations for the Transit Commission, in short, do not affect in any material way the total of the present budget, as compared with that for 1921.

Fewer Employees Now

"When the Mayor speaks of unnecessary positions and salaries and so on in the commission's department, he is again in the wrong place. When the commission took office at the end of April, 1921, there were 945 employees upon its pay roll. To-day, notwithstanding material expansion in its field of work, there are 913."

Mayor Hylan characterized Chairman McAneny's statement concerning the Mayor's city-owned and city-operated proposed subways as falsehoos. He said that the Board of Estimate will act on the city's new plan and that at that time he will have a supplemental report for the board's consideration.

"During the last few weeks the traction newspapers have gone the limit in aiding McAneny to befuddle the public mind on traction," says the Mayor. He also criticizes the cost of the two Public Service Commissions.

Woman's Party to Hold Anniversary Convention

Will Commemorate First Meeting in 1848 at Seneca Falls; Demand Equality

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—A great woman's rights convention, to be held at Seneca Falls, N. Y., next July, on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the women's rights convention, held there in 1848, was announced following the meeting of the national council of the woman's party here to-day.

The council meeting was attended by women from eight states and the District of Columbia, composing the

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executive board of the woman's party. By unanimous vote the council decided to recommend to the November 11 conference of the women's party officers continued work in drafting and preparing a national equal rights amendment to do away with all disabilities, on the ground of sex in the laws of the United States. No definite date was set for the introduction of this amendment. A five-fold campaign in four states was mapped out by the council for the purpose of obtaining equal rights legislation in all states where legislative sessions meet this winter.

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